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1. BEGIN SUMMARY GOS INDUSTRY AND PLANNING MINISTRY OFFICIALS CALLED ON ECONCOUNS AT OWN REQUEST TO INDICATE SPANISH INTEREST REF EXPOSITION AND TO ASK QUESTIONS TRANSMITTED HERE WITH REQUEST DEPARTMENT OBTAIN ANSWERS FROM FAIR AUTHORITIES EMBASSY IMPRESSION PLANNING MINISTER FAVORABLY DISPOSED. END SUMMARY.

2. JOSE MANUEL RICO ZORRILLA, INFORMATION AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF INI, AND JUAN DIEZ NICOLAS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOCIAL PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT PLANNING MINISTRY, CAME AT THEIR REQUEST TO OFFICE ECON COUNS TO REQUEST FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM FAIR AUTHORITIES, WHICH EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING TRANSMITTED HERE:

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A) WOULD SPAIN BE ALLOWED BRING IN OWN LABOR FOR SETTING UP

PAVILION? GOS OFFICIALS STATED GOS ALLOWED BRING 95 MEN TO COMING EXPOSITION IN SAO PAULO FOR THAT PURPOSE. ADDED THEY BELIEVED THIS CHEAPER. EXPRESSED HOPE AVOID DEALINGS WITH UNIONS.

B) WHAT IS FINAL LIST OF COUNTRIES DEFINITELY COMMITTED? WHAT IS THE LOCATION OF EACH PAVILION AND WHAT IS THE SIZE OF EACH? RICO ZORRILLA ANXIOUS THAT SPAIN NOT BE UPSTAGED BY A LARGER PAVILLION OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.

C) WHAT IS THE FINAL DEADLINE BEFORE WHICH A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE MUST BE MADE?

D) FINALLY GOS REPS EXPRESSED NEED FOR MUCH MORE DETAILED ESTIMATES ON CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORTATION AND ALL OTHER COSTS WHICH MIGHT BE BORNE BY EXHIBITORS.

3. EMBOFFS STRESSED ADVANTAGES TO SPAIN IN EXPOSURE AND PARTICIPATION SCIENTIFIC SEMINARS AND POINTED OUT HIGH LEVEL USG SUPPORT AND BIE APPROVAL, AS SET FORTH IN STATE 141111.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS FAIR MAY WISH INVITE RICO ZORRILLA AND DIEZ TO VISIT FAIR SITE. FYI. BOTH WELL DISPOSED TO US, HAVE BEEN THERE AND SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH. RICO ZORRILLA WAS IN NY WITH 1964-65 SPANISH PAVILION AT FAIR. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY IMPRESSION IS THAT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING MINISTER CRUZ MARTINEZ ESTERUELAS, TO WHOM HENDERSON AND COLE PRESENTED CASE IN JULY MEETING, IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO PARTICIPATION AND ANXIOUS OBTAIN HARD DATA TO PRESENT IN CABINET MEETING TO CONVINCE COLLEAGUES. OPPOSITION POSSIBLE ON BUDGETARY GROUNDS AND PERHAPS COMMERCE MINISTRY, WHICH REJECTED IDEA ON OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR, BUT ON BALANCE OUTLOOK WOULD SEEM TO BE THAT THERE IS A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SPANISH PARTICIPATION.
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